

Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application,
2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

1. The FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.

- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: SC-503 - Sumter City & County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization, Inc.

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization, Inc.

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	No	Yes
2.	Agencies serving survivors of human trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	No	Yes
4.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
9.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
10.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	No	Yes
14.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	Yes
23.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	Yes
24.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	Yes
25.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(2)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC holds a membership drive annually and has 4 quarterly general CoC membership meetings throughout the year. The CoC posts its meeting schedules on the website, email listserv & social media. All private, public, government, non-profit agencies, individuals and currently or formerly homeless persons, etc. that are interested in ending homelessness are invited to join the CoC. TCHC Membership Committee solicits members at other collaborative meetings. The CoC also solicits new members at training events. Board and members are encouraged to recruit and solicit new attendees. 3 board members are formerly homeless individuals. Current and formerly homeless individuals are encouraged to join and participate in the CoC during exit interviews by CoC grantees and outreach events. Fees are waived for any homeless or formerly homeless person seeking membership. Examples of special outreach events to ensure homeless or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC are monthly homeless connect events and Certified Peer Support Training where attendees must be homeless or formerly homeless. 2) We ensure effective communication with people with disabilities through our website contact forms or telephone. All meeting agendas are sent in advance in PDF format. 3) CoC members attend other community coalitions such as SC Inter-agency Council on the Homeless, SC Alliance for Recovery Residences, etc. to invite their member organizations to join the CoC and attend the meetings. This is done to expand CoC membership to more than just homeless organizations and to engage organizations that serve culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness. The CoC partners with CLAWS, an organization made up of members from the LGBTQIA+ community, to provide Christmas gifts for children of families served in rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing. CLAWS fund-raises throughout the year to raise funding and awareness for the LGBTQIA+ experiencing homelessness. The CoC has invited this organization to become a formal member of the CoC and to encourage them to outreach to other LGBTQIA+ organizations and individuals to be involved. The CoC also works closely with the Low Country Veterans Group who works with homeless and disabled Veterans. The CoC has invited this organization to become a formal member.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(3)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.) We solicit and consider opinions at CoC meetings the CoC website and email listserv. The CoC has 2 full time staff members that develop community relationships that allow for the CoC to solicit and consider opinions from organizations that have an interest in preventing and ending homelessness. Some of the new organizations that the CoC has developed formal relationships with are South Carolina DAV, SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault, SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. The CoC is an active member of the Myrtle Beach Homeless Coalition organized by United Way, CoC and Myrtle Beach Police Dept, attended by all local agencies and govt groups addressing the homeless issue in Myrtle Beach and greater Horry County. The CoC was approved technical assistance through USICH and HUD technical assistance to develop a local homeless plan that address unsheltered homelessness in partnership with the Myrtle Beach Homeless Coalition. This past year the structure of the CoC was changed to encompass 3 regional chapters allowing for increased local coordination. 2) Regional CoC meetings are held every other month with the general membership meeting quarterly to solicit, consider and address new opinions in open forum format. We conduct exercises on topics such as CES, HMIS, Housing First, SPM, underserved populations, protected classes, fair & equal opportunity housing, disparities, GAPS, and COVID pandemic. At these meetings, TCHC and its members compile/consider all opinions to evaluate/develop new strategies/action plans to prevent & end homelessness. CoC staff attend meetings at for SCICH, SC DAV, the Myrtle Beach Homeless Coalition, and other forums to communicate information on homelessness, system analysis, collaboration, and best practices. CoC grantees conduct exit interviews soliciting ideas from clients. The Correspondence, Bylaws and Record-Keeping Committee solicits/considers feedback from agencies and individuals on CoC policies/procedures. The HMIS/CES Committee considers feedback on related policies/procedures at the locally and as a part of a State Committee. 3) The information gathered was used in strategic planning to prevent and end homelessness. Accordingly, these trainings were provided: LGBTQIA+ and Cultural/Linguistic Competency, Raising Diversity, Youth Specific, Rapid Resolution Training, SC Thrive Hub training on mainstream benefits, Best Practices for Hospital Patients Experiencing Homelessness, etc.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding. NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(4)	
Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:		
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
4.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) On June 21, 2022 TCHC conducted a Membership Drive/ Open House. During this event, we reviewed the local competition and application process for new and existing grantees. In August 2022 an announcement was publicly posted on the website and emailed to our listserv that the HUD CoC NOFO was published by HUD and that the local CoC was open to new and renewal application proposals including organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding. The local competition policies, procedures, estimated amount of funding available, a timeline of competition, and instructions on how to submit applications to the CoC were also made available publicly at this time. TCHC accepts and encourages proposals from previously non-funded organizations to help close gaps in housing and supportive services in the CoC coverage area. These announcements and events are designed to encourage previously funded and not previously funded organizations to apply. 2) On August 12th and 17th, the CoC conducted workshops on the Supplemental and Annual HUD NOFO, and the local competition policies and procedures. The workshop reviewed how project applicants must submit their project applications to the local CoC. 3) The TCHC Grant Selection Committee uses a CoC approved Rating and Ranking Tool, a weighted tool based on the rating and ranking tool developed by HUD to determine project acceptance and rankings. This tool along with the criteria that new and renewal applications would be rated against were posted on the CoC website. 4) All documents and materials needed to complete the application for the local competition process is posted online in PDF format.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	No
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG and ESG-CV funds;
2.	participated in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients;
3.	provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area; and
4.	provided information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) TCHC works with the State of South Carolina & Horry County on a regular basis to discuss and coordinate funding component allocations, Coordinated Entry System, monitoring efforts and planning efforts through its Annual Action Plan process. The CoC was heavily involved in the planning, allocation and implementation of ESG-CV grant applications to effectively make sure that the COVID pandemic was addressed in the planning, prevention and mitigation of COVID in the state. The CoC endorses agencies for participation in the annual ESG competition based on CoC, HMIS and CES participation. TCHC, the State, and Horry County share and discuss best practice models in an effort to have a comprehensive and effective approach to RRH, HP, Shelter, Outreach and HMIS components. All ESG recipients, sub recipients and CoC's in South Carolina are receiving on-going HUD technical assistance from TAC to better incorporate ESG into the Coordinated Entry System. 2) TCHC works with the State & Horry County to evaluate sub recipient projects and monitor performance outcomes, develop system wide policies & procedures, incorporate the CoC Coordinated Entry System policies, and create comprehensive planning goals. The CoC uses HMIS data from the CAPER/ PIT and other local project performance measures from the previous funding year to inform planning and decision making on funding percentages for each component in our CoC for each program year. 3) The CoC provides local PIT, HIC, and other relevant data concerning homelessness in our CoC geographic area to contribute to and develop the Consolidated Plans for those jurisdictions that have Consolidated Plans. 4) The CoC helps to draft the homeless section language in the Horry County Consolidated Plan updates. The CoC works with the State and provides local information so it can be addressed in their Consolidated Plan update.

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.c.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity:

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the entities your CoC collaborates with:

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

1C-4a.	Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below the formal partnerships your CoC has with at least one of the entities where you responded yes in question 1C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has a Youth Subcommittee that coordinated with education providers during a “100 Day Youth Challenge”. The CoC has formal partnerships with Beach Reach Ministries, Horry Hope House, Lighthouse Ministries, DSS, Boys and Girls Club of Horry County and Pee Dee Community Action Partnership. TCHC has 4 members on The South Carolina Interagency Council on Homelessness (SCICH) Board, which along with the SC Dept. of Ed. State McKinney-Vento Rep (SEA) developed the State plan for the education concerns/needs of School children in the homeless families served by CoC Programs. These State Board bi-monthly mtgs are attended by SEAs and CoC Representatives. LEAs attend local CoC committee meetings, where both parties collaborate on addressing the problem of the educational needs of homeless school aged children. This allows the CoC to coordinate with SEA’s and LEA’s to identify families and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness or imminently at-risk of homelessness. The CoC, SCICH, LEA’s/SEA’s coordinate planning and strategies for proper safeguards against discrimination. The CoC develops and updates these strategies. ESG & CoC programs work with LEA’s, families and youth to identify appropriate housing. The CoC has a formal partnership with The S.C. Dept. of Ed. at the State level and partners with each local/county school district throughout the year and each is directly involved in the PIT Count. Eastern Carolina Homelessness Org (ECHO) and Sea Haven, two CoC Grantees participate in A Day of Hope, an outreach event for over 800 school kids & their families that live at/below the poverty level and possible homelessness, as well as all relevant outreach events related to education needs of homeless children. ECHO conducts CES assessments for housing and service needs at these events.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.		

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

All HUD CoC and ESG funded projects operating and serving participants inside the CoC’s geographic service area are required to have a dedicated staff person to ensure that children are enrolled in school and receive eligible and appropriate educational services. The name of the staff person is identified during the monitoring or for a new project during the CoC Technical Application Review. The CoC requires CoC and ESG funded projects to collaborate with local school district liason(s) when a new child or youth enters a homeless program that is not enrolled in school. The policies ensure that these children are immediately able to enroll in school regardless of the documentation required. These children must have equal access to education, just as all children that are not homeless are provided. It also requires that there can be no limitations or restrictions on the geographic location or a particular school itself and the LEA will coordinate transportation service to and from school.

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC has written formal agreements or partnerships with the listed providers of early childhood services:

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	No	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	Yes
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:

1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC conducts a collaborative meeting with domestic violence service providers (VSP’s), housing providers, and supportive service providers that target survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This group meets regularly to discuss best practices including but not limited to trauma-informed care, current programming within the CoC, CoC policies and procedures, and CES policies and procedures. The group is currently reviewing the CoC’s Emergency Transfer Plan and will make edits as needed for the CoC board to review. 2) This group in partnership with South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault will ensure that training is available to the CoC and its member organizations on victim centered trauma-informed care. Other trainings developed or sponsored by the CoC are motivational interviewing, mental health first aid, safety protocols, cultural competency, and Certified Peer Support training.

1C-5a.	Annual Training on Safety and Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:		
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Training on victim centered services, trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, mental health first aid, safety protocols, cultural competency, human trafficking and Certified Peer Support are provided by CoC member organizations that provide victim services at a minimum of once a year at a CoC Member Meeting and special training events. The CoC collaborated with Victim Service Providers to develop the CoC Protocols for serving survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking. These same victim service agencies provide training on these topics on a regular on-going basis to member organizations when requested. The Office of the Attorney General provides a one-day training on domestic violence and sexual assault and related topics in the CoC coverage area. These trainings are geared towards law enforcement officers, judges, prosecutors, health care providers, victim advocates, and other victim service providers. All member organizations are invited to attend these trainings. 2) CoC area project staff and staff of Coordinated Entry access points are required to attend these trainings annually.

1C-5b.	Using De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC uses HMIS and local victim service provider agencies de-identified aggregate data as well as data/statistics from comparable databases provided by the Department of Justice, S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women, South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and SC Department of Public Safety OHSJP Statistical Analysis Center to assess the specialized needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. 2) This gaps analysis led to the identification of the need for more immediate shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing options in our CoC. As a result, the CoC now has 3 Joint TH/RRH projects awarded for this population in our CoC under the DV Bonus. The CoC has implemented a comparable database specifically for victim service providers that is managed separately by the HMIS Lead. The CoC works with multiple victim service providers to onboard and use this single database. This makes the process of collecting and analyzing the de-identified aggregate data an easier process. Analysis of the data has also led the CoC to identify a need for additional transitional housing, permanent housing, and coordination between qualified victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing providers that are not victim service providers.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:		
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's Written Standards established protocols for working with survivors of domestic violence, including emergency transfer plans to provide protections for those who make requests and believe there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in the same dwelling unit or geographic area. The Standards incorporate the requirements of VAWA Act of 2013 including compliance with 24CFR, part 5, subpart L. The CoC's protocol is outlined in the CES policies/procedures. The specific policies/procedures relate to individuals and families who are fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. When presenting to a non-victim service provider they must, at a minimum provide safe and confidential access CES and immediate access to emergency services such as DV hotline, shelter, specific counseling services using trauma informed care. When an individual or family presents to an access point that is fleeing domestic violence, special considerations are taken to ensure their safety during the emergency transfer plan. A victim centered, trauma informed approach is taken with all participants. If the participant is not in a domestic violence shelter/ safe house and is not presenting with a victim's advocate, proper measures must be taken to connect them with a safe place and resources, if the participant chooses. All housing programs in the CoC use a Client Choice philosophy. Domestic Violence orgs are referenced in the CES Manual by county. These organizations are funded by DOJ, ESG and HHS for housing and other victim services. Training is provided on this policy and population by the CES Lead Agency regularly and when new access points are created in the community. Additional training on victim centered services and trauma-informed care are provided by CoC member orgs that provide victim services. All these policies and actions of the CoC ensure the confidentiality of all those and all information.

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1C-5d.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC along with the providers that serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking advertise and conduct community outreach on a regular basis. The Coordinated Entry System access points for domestic violence victims are advertised within the community and service providers know to make referrals to the appropriate person/ organization to be assessed and entered into the CoC's CES. The CoC ensures that outreach providers are up to date on the services and housing programs available to this population and they understand how to make referrals to the most appropriate resource. The CoC has strategically requested and was awarded CoC funding from HUD for DV programs that serve survivors across the entire CoC region and to have transitional/ bridge housing locations that are accessible to survivors located anywhere within the CoC.

1C-5e.	Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:

	1. safety protocols,
	2. planning protocols, and
	3. confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's Written Standards established protocols for working with survivors of domestic violence, including emergency transfer plans to provide protections for those who make requests and believe there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if they remain in the same dwelling unit or geographic area. The Standards incorporate the requirements of VAWA Act of 2013 including compliance with 24CFR, part 5, subpart L. The CoC's protocol is outlined in the CES policies/procedures. The specific policies/procedures relate to individuals and families who are fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. When presenting to a non-victim service provider they must, at a minimum provide safe and confidential access CES and immediate access to emergency services such as DV hotline, shelter, specific counseling services using trauma informed care. When an individual or family presents to an access point that is fleeing domestic violence, special considerations are taken to ensure their safety during the emergency transfer plan. A victim centered, trauma informed approach is taken with all participants. If the participant is not in a domestic violence shelter/ safe house and is not presenting with a victim's advocate, proper measures must be taken to connect them with a safe place and resources, if the participant chooses. All housing programs in the CoC use a Client Choice philosophy. Domestic Violence orgs are referenced in the CES Manual by county. These organizations are funded by DOJ, ESG and HHS for housing and other victim services. Training is provided on this policy and population by the CES Lead Agency regularly and when new access points are created in the community. Additional training on victim centered services and trauma-informed care are provided by CoC member orgs that provide victim services. All these policies and actions of the CoC ensure the confidentiality of all those and all information.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+--Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.f.	

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy—Updating Policies—Assisting Providers—Evaluating Compliance—Addressing Noncompliance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.f.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;
2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
3.	your CoC’s process for evaluating compliance with your CoC’s anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC’s process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC’s anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC reviews and updates its Anti-Discrimination Policies always on an as-needed basis or when guidance or regulations come out from any funding or government agency, state or federal. These funding agencies as well as all stakeholders in the CoC service area provide feedback and guidance on these issues, one example is the South Carolina Dept. of Human Affairs. Stakeholder surveys as well as participation in CoC meetings, training, and discussions are always taken into consideration in this process. The CoC always assists providers in the development, planning, and implementation of projects to ensure that providers are up to date on these policies and how to incorporate them into their projects. The LGBTQ+ community is a focus/priority population for many of the housing grant programs within our CoC and the guidance from the CoC is to try to ensure that the providers, even those that are not CoC or ESG funded are in compliance. The CoC is always monitoring and deals with issues of discrimination if and when they arise. The process is to contact the provider with the concern and the issues that it presents and works through a corrective action plan to resolve the issues. If this does not resolve the issue with the provider and the provider is receiving federal, state, or local government funding, the issue is then reported to the associated funding agency. Our CoC has had very few issues with discrimination that were actually in fact discrimination but addresses all issues in an effort to be helpful and thorough.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC’s Geographic Area—New Admissions—General/Limited Preference—Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC’s geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach		Yes-Public Housing	Yes
Georgetown Housing Authority	12%	Yes-Both	No

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC meets with and continues to engage with the Housing Authorities of Myrtle Beach, Sumter, Florence, and Conway about preferences for homeless individuals/families in their policies for the HCV, Mainstream Vouchers Program and Public Housing. These PHA's currently refer to the CoC's Coordinated Entry System directly when homeless clients present for housing. The two we work with mostly (Myrtle Beach/ Florence) housing authorities are now CES access points. The CoC is working with ECHO, a CoC grantee and the collaborative applicant, to use their Tenant Based Rental Assistance program funded through the HOME program through Horry County in an effort to help alleviate the waiting list of homeless applicants from the Myrtle Beach and Conway Housing Authorities. This is a collaborative and coordinated effort between the CoC and PHA's aimed at encouraging the PHA's to adopt homeless preferences in all programs. The CoC consults with a local, private HUD Technical Assistance provider to assist in the collaboration and coordination between the CoC and the PHA's. Ultimately the goal is to have all PHA's adopt a homeless preference and/or Move On Strategy for their housing programs to help create more openings in CoC funded Permanent Supportive Housing projects. The CoC also consults with the State HUD Field Office Public Housing Department in this coordinated effort.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:
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1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process?

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	No
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	No
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	No
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV). NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
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	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
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PHA		
SC State Housing ...		
Housing Authority...		

1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: SC State Housing Authority

1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: Housing Authority of Florence

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

1D-1.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.h.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.

1. Foster Care	Yes
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

1D-2.	Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	11
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	11
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1D-2a.	Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC utilizes CES referral acceptance percentages to determine if the project is accepting referrals at a rate of 95% or higher. Each project is required to provide a reason for denials of any referrals to CES which are reviewed if the project has a low acceptance rate. The CoC reviews the project applicant/ recipients policies and procedures to determine if it supports the Housing First approach that was checked in the project application.

2) The rating and ranking tool uses the following factors and performance indicators during the evaluation: Review of the agencies policies and procedures, CES acceptance referral rate, percentage of participants that enter the program with zero income, more than one disability, and have a prior living situation of place not meant for human habitation.

3) The CoC conducts an annual monitoring that assess all areas of CoC funded projects including fidelity to the Housing First approach. During the monitoring the monitor reviews the program policies and procedures to ensure the program is prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and are not requiring service participation or any preconditions of program participants. The monitor reviews a percentage of the program's participant files, client case notes, and other relevant documentation to ensure staff are following the program's policies and procedures. Involuntary exits from the program are reviewed to determine that the project followed a Housing First philosophy and attempted to remedy the issue in other ways than discharge from the program. The CoC continuously monitors the number of CES referral rejects and the reason for those rejections to ensure that projects remain as low barrier as possible.

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.j.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged;
2.	whether your CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area;
3.	how often your CoC conducts street outreach; and
4.	how your CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC street outreach efforts cover all 13 counties (100% coverage rate). Homeless outreach is conducted by 22 dedicated staff outreach workers that engage the homeless on a daily basis, including weekends, special events, and disasters in an effort to identify all who are currently homeless. During natural disasters (like floods, hurricanes or winter storms) outreach workers make special efforts to connect people to available Red Cross, FEMA and local storm shelters and resources. All CoC outreach workers are in regular contact with existing homeless shelters working with families/individuals that have been displaced as the result of any disasters. The outreach workers conduct CES screenings or contact a CES access point. SSVF outreach, ESG outreach, PATH outreach and RHY funded street outreach workers all conduct daily outreach and are funded by grant programs. Outreach is also performed by many partnering agencies that provide basic services and connect the individuals/families to CES access points within the CoC. The CoC collaborates regularly with city and county depts., police departments, hospitals, community health organizations, community kitchens, 12 step fellowships, 211 call centers, and many churches and faith based organizations to coordinate targeted outreach efforts. Outreach workers engage persons less likely to request assistance by going to their location (ie: tent encampments, woods, abandoned buildings, housing not meant for human habitation, bus stations, etc.). These persons are engaged in a manner to develop a trusting relationship using motivational interviewing & trauma informed care techniques and giving out hygiene, clothing, and food items. This year the City of Myrtle Beach has established a Homeless Court that the CoC participates in. An effective approach has been to work with homeless clients that have received services to help conduct outreach to others that they know about that otherwise may never be contacted or found.

1D-4.	Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.k.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate strategies your CoC implemented to ensure homelessness is not criminalized and to reverse existing criminalization policies in your CoC's geographic area:

		Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.l.	

		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of “Current.”	238	164

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m.	

Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains program staff annually on the following mainstream benefits available for program participants within your CoC’s geographic area:

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

- systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC’s geographic area;
- works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
- works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC updates members and staff regarding mainstream resources available and programs that facilitate connection to them through list serv emails and at all regular CoC membership mtgs and special events. All CoC program staff are S.C. Thrive Hub trained, using a single application for multiple benefits. This is accomplished through program highlights at CoC Member Meetings, monthly in-service trainings on benefits availability, connection and utilization, email blasts and facilitating SC Thrive Hub trainings, a partner with the CoC focused on easier access and quicker connection to mainstream benefits. 2) The CoC and CoC funded projects works with Community Health Orgs and FQHCs, like Little River Medical, Sumter Family Health, Hope Health and faith based Mercy Med to provide medical, dental, vision care and general health services to all participants providing free/sliding scale services. The CoC established partnerships with CareSouth Carolina, (5 counties, 11 facilities and 25 people CES trained), the South Carolina Hospital Association, The National Alliance for Healthcare for the Homeless and the South Carolina Primary Healthcare Assoc. to aid in connecting clients to accessible healthcare benefits. These partnerships have resulted in positive outcomes in obtaining and utilization of private health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, employment, non-cash benefits including Family Independence (FI), Food Stamps and SSI/SSDI benefits. 3) The CoC works with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health who is the SOAR lead for the State to promote, train, and certify CoC member program staff on SOAR.

1D-7.	Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Non-congregate sheltering is provided as an alternative to congregate emergency shelter when there are no beds available in the community that an individual or family experiencing unsheltered homelessness is identified. Non-congregate sheltering in hotel/ motels is also offered, when available, to persons that have tested positive or have come in contact with infectious diseases or when someone has increased risk factors for a particular infectious disease.

The CoC consulted with the State of South Carolina and Horry County ESG programs to dedicate additional ESG and ESG-CV funding to non-congregate hotel/ motel sheltering. This past year the subrecipients within in the CoC region were funded with more non-congregate shelter funding then ever before due to the COVID waiver allowing grantees to fund more emergency shelter and street outreach. The CoC utilizes the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFSP), where there are active local boards, to fund non-congregate hotel/ motel shelter beds. According to the 2022 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) the CoC had 40 hotel/ motel non-congregate shelter beds on the night of the count. This is an increase of 33 beds from the 2021 HIC. The CoC has two emergency shelter programs that are single site non-congregate shelters with 69 beds serving families, individual women, and individual men. So far for Fiscal Year 2022 48,653 non-congregate shelter bed nights have been provided to 363 households.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:	
	1. develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
	2. prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC, through its collaborative applicant and other CoC and ESG recipients works with the South Carolina Dept of Health and Environmental Control, the FQHCs, local hospitals, and public health departments to plan, develop and implement processes, policies, and procedures for rapid, coordinated responses to infectious disease outbreaks. ECHO, the collaborative applicant worked with SCDHEC to provide transportation, quarantine housing (hotels), and food while quarantined, for individuals and families that were in jeopardy of contact at that actually had tested positive for COVID. Horry County, SCDHEC, and ECHO have formal contracts in place to coordinate and provide these services. Monthly meetings are held to keep updated and plan for new outbreaks and to keep current with CDC and State policies. These meetings and organizations have a primary focus on those experiencing homelessness or imminently at risk, making them much more vulnerable to the outbreak. Getting people out of congregate living situations such as shelters, encampments, etc. was and is a primary focus. The outreach events that were organized and carried out and that are still carried out focused on providing PPE, sanitary items, emergency food items, sanitizing items as well as educational materials about the outbreak and what to do, who to contact, where to go, etc. These remain ongoing efforts in our CoC to prevent future outbreaks from becoming even worse. There was a hotline number set up with SCDHEC for when instances occurred for all providers to get connected and be directed on what, where and how to take the next necessary steps to ensure safety and further spread.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:	
	1. sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
	2. facilitating communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC worked diligently to provide education to providers, (private, government, faith-based and non-profit) about the increased risks associated with those experiencing homelessness and in congregate living situations. The CoC followed CDC and SCDHEC protocols and policies when providing education to providers, as well as the guidance sent regularly from HUD. These meetings and calls, sometimes daily, were geared and kept up to date on guidelines and resources available for housing, PPE, emergency food, disinfecting and sanitizing supplies, etc. Street Outreach efforts were ongoing and frequent in an attempt to provide information, education, resources, and supplies to those on the streets and in other homeless or potential homeless situations. There was a hotline number set up with SCDHEC for when instances occurred for all providers to get connected and be directed on what, where and how to take the next necessary steps to ensure safety and further spread.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry system:	
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC’s geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and	
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoCs Coordinated Entry System-Assessment Process covers 100% of our 13 county service area. Our CoC uses a standardized vulnerability tool for its assessments and the process is standard over the entire 13-county area. The CoC is constantly monitoring and evaluating the assessment tool and CES process for GAPS and pertinent issues that need to be addressed. These are then presented by the CoC CES Committee to the full Board of Directors for consideration of edits and updates. Stakeholder and participant surveys play a huge role in determining these GAPS and needed edits and updates.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has multiple access point locations for the Coordinated Assessment System (CES) and uses a mixed approach of physical locations and an Assessment Hotline for locations that have no access or limited access to a physical access point. The CoC currently has 10 physical access point locations in the CoC service area. The CES Coordinator conducts outreach to organizations that come into contact with the homeless population. All access point locations are detailed in the CES Policies and Procedures and discussed with CoC members and other organizations that come in contact with the homeless population. The CoC SSVF, ESG, CoC, RHY and PATH outreach workers all provide CES housing assessments themselves or have one performed by an access point in their area. These outreach teams are designed and dedicated to reach people who are least likely to apply for homelessness assistance programs and housing. The CoC advertises CES to all CoC members and other perspective individuals and organizations that are in contact with the homeless at CoC events and meetings with local stakeholders (including local and county governments). The Assessment process prioritizes people most in need by following a standardized housing assessment, using the HUD Prioritization Notice, and communicating with local stakeholders about potential other needs that are not identified in the assessment as potential factors to be prioritized when making a housing referral. The assessment process also identifies sub populations that may be better served by an organization that specializes in services for these populations (i.e. DV and Youth). The assessment tool and procedures explain what to do and how to refer to these organizations, taking safety and confidentiality into consideration. All access points are required to provide this information and allow the applicant the choice to pursue these services.

1D-10.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	03/10/2022

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC’s process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC used HUD’s CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool version 3.0 along with other data sources from the American Community Survey and local HMIS data to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. The CoC’s Community Data Solutions Department used local HMIS data to analyze CES assessments, CES referrals, CES denials, enrollments into CoC funded programs, positive and negative housing outcomes, average length of time from project entry to housing move in, and average length of time enrolled in the program. Staff compared these metrics to each other and to ACS data to determine if there were any disparities that existed. 2) The CoC board reviewed HUD’s CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool version 3.0 and determined that Black African Americans in Families with Children were experiencing unsheltered homelessness at a much higher rate than their White counterparts. This analysis also determined that Black African American Veterans are experiencing unsheltered homelessness at a greater rate than their White counterparts.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to address any racial disparities.

1.	The CoC’s board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	No
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has had conversations to be more intentional when selecting board members to ensure that the makeup of the CoC Board of Directors is representative of the population being served in the CoC. This year on the Rating and Ranking Tool it was approved to include points for factors that related to racial equity. For example, the tool had points associated if the project applicant reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing policies that do not impose undue barriers. Another factor with points associated on the tool was that the recipient has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the dis-aggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age.

1D-10d.	Tracking Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC reviews racial, ethnic, gender, and age data from HMIS for entries into programs and outcomes of those programs. The Community Data Solutions Department discusses their findings at CoC meetings and then raises questions using the data to inform conversations. The CoC tracks the progress on eliminating or decreasing disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance using the reports from Stella P which are updated annually with the most recent data from the Longitudinal System Analysis. The CoC is provided with a performance report on reducing/ eliminating disparities.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below your CoC’s outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Outreach efforts are focused on people with lived experience at every level of CoC activities. Stakeholder surveys are sent out, as well as program participant surveys. The data and answers collected in these is used to influence service delivery and decision-making by the CoC and grantees. The CoC targeted new Board Members that have been homeless within the past 7 years. This targeted outreach resulted in the addition of a new board member that has lived experience within the last 24 months and also was a program participant in the SSVF Program in the CoC service area administered by ECHO, the Collaborative Applicant. ECHO, employs over 50 people on its staff. Over 50% of the staff are formerly homeless, many coming through programs in the CoC and also people in recovery from substance use disorder and/or mental illness. Many of these staff members started as volunteers, interns, or access point staff. 3 of the 5 Chief Executive staff have lived experience, including the CEO. Additionally, the HMIS Administrator, CES Director, HUD Programs Director, VA Programs Director, and the VA Contract Bed/GPD Bed facility are directed by persons with lived experience. The CoC's Youth Advisory Board also has persons with lived experience. The CoC and ECHO the Collaborative Applicant place a premium on lived experience and the invaluable difference it makes in leadership, planning, implementation, and decision-making in our 13 county service area.

1D-11a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the five categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	4	4
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	2	2
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	10	10
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	10	10
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	3	3

1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC or CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC member agencies, especially ECHO and Sea Haven provide multiple and on-going professional development, in service trainings and employment opportunities within the CoC. ECHO employs over 50 people and over 50% of those are people with lived experience, many coming onboard initially as volunteers, interns and access point staff. Certified Peer Support training has resulted in 18 CPPSS staff members, WRAP program training resulted in 14 WRAP Certified Specialists, Trauma Informed Suicide Prevention Trainings has resulted in over 40 people certified and 2 that are now actually certified trainers. ECHO provided Property Management trainings to 4 formerly homeless staff members that are now licensed property managers and one of these is now a Property Manager in Charge, Internships have been in place for Masters of Social Work and Public Health. In-Service trainings have been provided on Cultural Competency, Case Note Documentation, LGTBQIA+ True Colors Initiative, Team/Capacity Building, etc. Sea Haven is regularly providing Safe Place Site trainings, human trafficking trainings and other trainings related to unaccompanied youth. They also provide internships and employment opportunities to persons with lived experience.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	
Describe in the field below how your CoC:		
1.	how your CoC routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance; and	
2.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC routinely gathers feedback from people with lived experience and those that received assistance through CoC, ESG and VA programs within the CoC at its regular membership and Board Meetings. The CoC also gathers this information on a daily basis in leadership meetings, program staff meetings, in-service trainings, client participant exit interviews, regular client/case manager meetings, etc. All of these methods and ways of gathering this invaluable information is put into action by the CoC, mainly through it's Collaborative Applicant ECHO, in the planning, development, implementation and administration of renewal and new projects to address homelessness and homeless prevention. All programs use a client centered, trauma informed and housing first approach. The challenges and barriers that are shared by persons with lived experience and are actively receiving or previously received assistance from these programs plays a pivotal and necessary role in the CoC and member agencies strategic planning and program design and implementation.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply. NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.	
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	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has engaged the City of Myrtle Beach Government and many of its Department Directors including but not limited to: The Mayor, City Council, The Chief of Police, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Fire/EMS Chief, Downtown Development Board Executive Director, Zoning and Construction Services at regular weekly meetings addressing the need and lack of available affordable housing for the large unsheltered homeless population in the Greater Myrtle Beach (Horry County) area. This area accounts for the vast majority of not only the unsheltered homeless population in the 13 county CoC area, but leads in all areas of homelessness. These regular meetings are aimed at the barriers, challenges, lack of affordable housing, especially affordable housing that meets the FMR's that will actually pass the HUD HQS inspection. The new 2022 FMR's have been released and this area only received about a 5-7% increase from 2021 FMR's, when the reality of the market here reflects a 35-42% increase in rental rates. The current zoning codes, and districts and construction standards are being addressed in an effort to affect change to allow for the development of more multi-family and affordable single -family housing. This has become an actual crisis in our CoC, not only in the Horry County area, but CoC wide. The CoC, mainly through its Collaborative Applicant Echo is working diligently and aggressively with local, county and state agencies and government to break down some of these barriers and affect change in zoning and allowable uses of housing for our homeless populations. The other way that we are addressing this problem of affordable housing inventory is by developing new affordable housing through new construction and acquisition and rehab utilizing the vast resources created through the Cares Act and the American Rescue Plan. These 2 funding opportunities mainly have available resources through the associated HOME Program funds created from The CARES Act and ARP.

1E. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC’s local competition.	08/09/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d. You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	
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1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes

1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	179
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	10
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	Joint TH-RRH

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process. NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	
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Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC collected and analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) All the renewal projects submitted to the CoC are serving vulnerable populations i.e. Chronically Homeless, Youth, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse disorder and/or all the sub-populations listed in the CoC grant application and follow a Housing First approach that removes barriers to entry for the hardest to serve populations. The CoC considered the following severity of needs and vulnerabilities using the previous year's Annual Performance Report data when ranking and scoring renewal project applications. The percentage of participants with zero income when entering the program (low or no income), the percentage of participants with more than one disability, and the percent of participants entering the project from a place not meant for human habitation. 2) The Ranking and Scoring tool took the consideration of projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance by giving these projects additional points for serving clients with the above mentioned needs and vulnerabilities. The additional points make up for the points that could be missed by lower project performance in other areas of the scoring tool.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process. NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	
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Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population;
2.	how the input from persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, affected how your CoC determined the rating factors used to review project applications;
3.	how your CoC included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
4.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC is working to develop a strategy that will be more inclusive of persons of different races that are over represented in the local homelessness population and obtaining their input and feedback on the rating factors used in the review of project applications. 2) The CoC is actively working on soliciting persons of different races to participate on the CoC Board of Directors and all committees of the CoC. 3) The CoC included rating factors that awarded points if organizations provided evidence of their review of internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and developed a plan for implementing more equitable policies and procedures that do not impose undue barriers and/ or the review of program participant outcomes with an equity lens.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;
2.	whether your CoC identified any projects through this process during your local competition this year;
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC has two types of reallocation in it's written process: Voluntary and Involuntary. The process for voluntary reallocation is for the grantee to notify the CoC of their intent to fully or partially reallocate their project in the upcoming competition. The CoC will evaluate the impact on the system and how to handle any potential client displacements. Involuntary reallocation is determined when a project fails to meet monitoring or performance expectations outlined in the reallocation policy. The CoC identifies lower performing projects through the CoC monitoring process which includes a review of Annual Performance Reports and other CoC project performance standards. The reasons for reallocation are as follows: fiscal non-compliance, ongoing non-compliance with HUD/CoC regulations, policies, or processes, and poor performance. The CoC may also reallocate projects that do not meet current HUD or CoC thresholds. The CoC board and membership created and approved the reallocation process outlined in the written standards. The CoC written standards are located on the website and announced at the general membership meeting. The reallocation process is also outlined and emailed to the list serve every competition year.

2) The CoC did not identify any projects during this years local competition.
3)The CoC did not reallocate any projects this year. 4) The CoC did not determine that any projects were considered low performing or less needed during this years local competition.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/15/2022

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/15/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes
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1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/28/2022
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/28/2022
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Wellsky
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC’s HMIS coverage area.	Statewide
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	05/06/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in databases that meet HUD’s comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC funds a comparable database that is HMIS compliant and collects all of the data elements required by HUD. The HMIS vendor being used for the comparable data base is Wellsky - ServicePoint. The CoC's Community Data Solutions team (HMIS Lead) targeted DV service providers that do not use a comparable database or do not provide the CoC with de-identified data to discuss with them the importance of sharing the data with the CoC. The Community Data Solutions teams offers the use of the database along with ongoing training for no charge. The CoC and HMIS lead request de-identified system performance measures data for each project that uses a comparable database. The CoC does not have any issues with getting this data from DV housing and service providers that use a HMIS compliant comparable database. 2) The CoC's comparable database is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5.	Bed Coverage Rate—Using HIC, HMIS Data—CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c. and VII.B.7.	

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	421	52	324	87.80%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	176	57	129	108.40%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	164	19	153	105.52%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	470	0	422	89.79%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	422	0	59	13.98%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC will engage other permanent housing providers that are not using HMIS to discuss with their leadership the organizations barriers to using HMIS. The CoC offers the HMIS database, ongoing training, data quality assistance, and custom reporting available to all organizations for no cost. The CoC will allow for minimal data collection to only what is required in the HUD data standards for organizations that do not operate a project that is required to enter project specific data elements. 2) The CoC will use the staff of the Community Data Solutions team to develop these relationships and schedule these meetings with organizational leadership.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	01/26/2022
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	05/06/2022
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:	
	1. engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;	
	2. involved homeless youth in the actual count; and	
	3. worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works with the youth provider Sea Haven which is a member of the CoC and receives HUD CoC funding for Rapid Re-housing. The CoC PIT Count Committee coordinated with staff from Sea Haven during the planning process for the 2022 PIT Count. Sea Haven involves youth with lived experience in the actual count to advocate to their peers the importance of being counted and what it does for the community. Sea Haven's outreach team helped the CoC identify the locations where homeless and runaway youth were most likely to congregate and be identified. Sea Haven also counted at their service and outreach facility locations.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.B.7.c.	

In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.

(limit 2,500 characters)
Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC identifies specific risk factors/reasons leading to first time homelessness including limited amounts of shelter beds in community, significant loss of income (employment or cash benefits), low to zero income, disabilities (specifically severe mental illness), imminent loss of housing within 14 days, major change in household composition (birth, death, divorce), high number of evictions in prior 7 years, at-risk of losing housing subsidies, previous history of homeless service utilization in past 2 years, registered sex offenders, housing needs requiring 3 or more bedrooms. These were identified through analysis of HMIS data from service & prevention providers, housing barriers assessments, discussions at monthly meetings, committee meetings, agency outreach & events. 2) TCHC coordinates with hospitals, prisons, mental health, VA clinics, discharge planners and our landlord network to coordinate housing to the imminently at risk. All persons presenting to CES or being outreached to are assessed for diversion/ prevention assistance in CES. In coordination with the SSVF grantee the CoC has adopted a Rapid Resolution approach that focuses first on reuniting with family or other support networks and promote/ supporting doubled up living situations. TCHC and HP providers developed an HP screening tool to prioritize prevention assistance according to CoC priorities including prioritizing households for funding without two parents/adults. The CoC has also initiated conversations with hospitals, hospital associations, and FQHC's to discuss practices of discharging patients into homelessness. The CoC will also begin to enforce these moratoriums on hospital discharges to homelessness. 3) TCHC partners with CDBG, HOME, VA-SSVF, ESG, private & faith based shelters & housing assistance programs to address risk factors of first time homelessness. 3) ECHO staff and the CoC partner with ESG/SSVF prevention providers to oversee the strategy to reduce first time homelessness.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC’s strategy to reduce the length-of-time persons remain homeless is to be more diligent with HMIS data quality to make sure our system performance measures are more accurate, secure and obtain new access points for CES, secure additional funding for and train additional outreach workers in the CoC, and provide additional training and technical assistance to the CoC’s emergency shelters and transitional housing providers on the best practices to connect participants to housing and lowering barriers. The CoC, in partnership with its grantees and programs funded by ESG and SSVF are working with an established network of landlords to develop new affordable housing and recruit new landlords willing to work with these programs. 2) CES is designed to identify and prioritize persons with the longest histories of homelessness through our CES Access Points. CoC members and other stakeholders in the community are made aware and/ or trained on this process. The CoC houses these persons and families by incorporating HUD’s Prioritization Notice into our prioritization process as well as dedicating and prioritizing non-dedicated PSH beds to persons experiencing Chronic Homelessness. All PSH projects have switched to Dedicated Plus in an effort to quickly house those with long histories of homelessness that don’t meet the current definition of chronic. The CoC encourages all RRH providers to serve individuals and families with the longest histories of homelessness through the CES process. 3) Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization is the organization responsible for overseeing the strategy.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC’s Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in ES, SH, TH, and RRH exit to permanent destinations is to provide TA on best practice models like housing first, low barrier shelter, minimizing rules that cause negative exits, approaches that encourage conflict resolution other than exit, and how to partner with workforce boards to provide employment training and job opportunities. Planning and working with these programs to develop strategies to refer clients that “break rules” to other programs that can house and/or shelter the individual or family. The CoC is continuing to bring these organizations onboard as CES Access Points or set up appointments with mobile CES workers, allowing quicker access to housing programs. The CoC continues to work with ESG and CoC recipients to create CoC wide policies that discourage negative program exits as well as formalizing strategies. 2) The strategy to increase the rate at which persons in permanent housing retain or exit to permanent housing is to further implement the “Move On” strategy which coordinates with PHA’s and other housing programs and enforce CoC policies that limit clients losing their housing or being exited from a program that provides housing into a negative destination. Examples of CoC policies are: Minimum number of months’ for non-payment of rent before exit/eviction, more stringent documentation stds. to support a negative exit, reviewing these cases during monitoring and conducting exit interviews with participants to better understand the gaps in services. TCHC SOAR specialists and S.C. Thrive Hub trained staff work diligently to connect clients to all eligible benefits. Partnerships with Goodwill Joblink, S.C. Works and private employers help to increase/obtain income for the households.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.e.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC’s strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	describe your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

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1) The CoC identifies common factors of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness by reviewing project level HMIS data (ES, TH, RRH and PSH) and comparing it to outreach and CES data collected through the CES housing assessment process. By comparing this data, the CoC has been able to determine common factors and barriers that lead to these persons returning to homelessness. A few common factors identified are significant loss of cash benefits, poor financial management, history/current criminal activity, fleeing domestic violence, untreated mental illness and substance abuse. 2) The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness is to coordinate with current programs like rapid resolution, ESG and SSVF homeless prevention funds as well as identify partners and funding to expand and/or create new programs that focus on the at-risk population. The CoC is able to better identify these households through the CES housing assessment process and refer them to programs that can better meet their needs and provide long term housing interventions like HOME tenant based rental assistance, Permanent Supportive Housing, PHS's, and other faith based rental assistance programs. The Collaborative Applicant employs a PhD and Clinical Social Worker as the director of supportive services. This position is to develop and implement a more effective and comprehensive supportive service plan, conduct and facilitate trainings for CoC members, and better coordinate other systems of care that intersect with homelessness (mental health, substance abuse, hospitals, public health centers, etc.). The CoC provided training on motivational interviewing, mental health first aid, cultural competency, a poverty simulation, and a Certified Peer Support Training. 3) Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization is the organization responsible for overseeing the strategy described above.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC advertises and facilitates training for CoC member organizations to be trained in programs and systems that help participants obtain or increase employment income. CoC member organizations develop relationships and advocate for persons experiencing homelessness with local business throughout the CoC. Some CoC member organizations provide access to computers and internet for participants to use for job search. 2) The CoC partners with the VA employment specialists, Vocational Rehab, Goodwill, SC Works, Temp/personnel agencies and private business owners to increase access to job training, resume building, interviewing skills, computer training and employment opportunities. ECHO employs a PhD and Clinical Social Worker as a director of supportive services to continue developing relationships to new mainstream and private employment providers. 3) Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization and Sea Haven are responsible for overseeing the strategy described above.

2C-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	
	2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) and 2) The CoC partners with Goodwill Job Link services, the VA, Vocational Rehabilitation, SC Works, Trojan Labor Services and local businesses and contractors to promote partnerships and increase access to employment training and opportunities to the homeless in our CoC. CoC program staff, outreach workers, program management and Board members reach out to private, non-profit and public employment companies and organizations to better provide access to employment opportunities, trainings, education and resume services. Program staff notify and assist in connections and/or attendance at local job fairs, recruiting events, interviews or with day/temporary labor service organizations/companies. ECHO, one of the CoC grantees has weekly regularly scheduled in office mini-job fairs with the VA Employment specialist and monthly with a temp/day labor provider. All of the CoCs permanent supportive housing projects serve only chronically homeless families/individuals. Most of these participants are on disability and their disability is debilitating to the point that they cannot work. Some are able to work limited hours, due to their disability income, either SSDI or VA disability. The PSH participants that are physically and/or mentally able to work are connected to and assisted with opportunities for direct employment, education, job training and/or volunteer opportunities. These opportunities and services definitely promote and further their recovery or well-being. S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation, SC Works, and Goodwill Job Link are the 3 main providers of these services and are focused on people with disabilities of all types.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	
	You must upload the Housing Leveraging Commitment attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:

1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD’s implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

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3C. Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:

1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		
This list contains no items		

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